

DIAZ HOPES  
FOR PEACE

However, He Does Not Say  
When He Expects It

## APPEALS TO AMERICANS

To Unite With the Single Purpose of  
Furthering the Development and the  
Progress of the Country—No  
Peace Commissioners Yet.

New York, April 25.—President Diaz of Mexico has addressed the following cable dispatch to the Associated Press: "I reply to your message, in which you ask me concerning the actual situation in this country. I am convinced that the conditions of peace, interrupted for the moment, will return to Mexico and that all Americans will unite with the single purpose of furthering the development and progress of the country."

(Signed) "Porfirio Diaz." El Paso, Texas, April 25.—Interest in the peace situation at General Madero's camp to-day centered in the hope that word may come from the Mexican government of the appointment of its peace commissioners for the conference, at which it seems almost certain that terms of peace will be agreed on. It is understood that the insurgent commander is ready to announce his appointees when the government representatives are named. The meeting-place will probably be announced simultaneously with the names of the commissioners. It is expected that the peace negotiations will consume at least a fortnight.

## BY PRIVATE CAR.

Charles N. McCall Was Hurried to New York Yesterday.

Randolph, April 25.—Drs. Chappell and Biggs of New York City were summoned here on Sunday to consult in the case of Charles N. McCall, who has been dangerously ill for two weeks. It was found that there was pus in the lung cavity, and quite a quantity was removed. After meeting with the local physicians, it was decided that there was no hope, except by an operation, and Monday morning Mr. McCall was taken by a private car to New York, attended by the physicians, who had been summoned; also by Mrs. J. E. McCall, Arthur Hernandez and his nurse, Mr. Davis.

QUARRYMEN STRIKE  
AT ST. GEORGE, ME.

Paving Cutters Also Walked Out Because of Dispute Over Jurisdiction of the Union.

Rockland, Me., April 25.—One hundred quarrymen and 100 paving cutters at Long Cove, St. George, have struck, and a number of the workmen are leaving for other fields of employment. There are a number of matters in dispute, the most prominent of which is whether the union shall have jurisdiction over both quarrymen and engineers. The company is the only one operating on the island. William Booth of New York, is at the head of it.

"BETTER FARMING SPECIAL."  
Starts Out on Tour of Vermont to Spread Knowledge of Agriculture.

Burlington, April 25.—The Better Farming special train, which will visit stations along the Central Vermont railroad, left Burlington yesterday afternoon. The train is being run under the auspices of the University of Vermont in conjunction with the state commissioner of agriculture and the state forester.

The speakers from the university include Professor Hills, Washburn, Cummings, Chemist Jones, Mr. Martin of the state board of agriculture, and Mr. Hawes, the state forester. In addition to these, Miss Terrill, dean of Home economics at the university, and Misses Hatch, Grey and Wells, assistants, will lecture on domestic science. William Dodge, Kenneth Atwood, C. N. Smith and M. F. Downing, students of the university, took the trip as assistants in agriculture.

On board the special train are exhibits illustrating the work of dairying, stock breeding, crop raising, fruit growing, and domestic science. Hour stops will be made at stations along the line of the Central Vermont railroad. The special will be on the road Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, returning to Burlington Friday night. Tuesday stops will be made at Windsor, West Hartford, South Royalton with a stay over night in Randolph. Wednesday stops will be made at Roxbury, Northfield, Williamstown, Barre, with an evening meeting at Montpelier. Thursday the schedule calls for stops at Middlesex, Waterbury, Richmond, Underhill and Cambridge with an evening meeting in St. Albans Friday, the last day of the trip, the train will visit Richmond, Enosburg Falls, Sheldon Junction, Georgia and Essex Junction, returning to this city.

## SPRING IN RUSSIA.

Ice and Melting Snows Cause Damage in That Country and Siberia.

Alexandrovsk, Russia, April 25.—Reports from western Russia and Siberia tell of the sudden arrival of spring. Ice in the rivers and melting snows are doing great damage.

## EAST BARRE.

The Canadian club has made arrangements with the Barre Railroad Co. to run a special train to East Barre and Granville, Thursday evening, April 27, to accommodate those wishing to attend its banquet in Howland hall, Barre. The train will leave East Barre at 6 p. m. and will return immediately after the close of the banquet.

ILLNESS OF JUROR  
HALTS BIG TRIAL

Other Jurors In Trial at Viterbo are Said to Be Disatisfied With Price Paid Them.

Viterbo, April 25.—The trial of the Camorrista was adjourned to-day until Monday because of the illness of a juror who failed to appear when the session was to have been resumed. The man is said to be suffering from influenza.

It is reported that the trial may be transferred to some other city because of dissatisfaction on the part of the jury. The members recently petitioned the court for an increase in fees allowed, but no response has been made. Accordingly, it is said that they are inclined to use obstructive measures.

## TWENTY-FIVE CLUB ENTERTAINED

Ladies' Night in Waterbury—Rev. Fr. Cahill, Speaker of Evening.

Waterbury, April 25.—The annual ladies' night of the Twenty-five club was held at the Waterbury inn last evening. After a banquet served in Landlord Davis' usual style, and music by a violinist, clarinetist and pianist from Gilbertson's orchestra, the president of the club, B. R. Demerit, in an appropriate manner introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. Father Cahill of Enosburg Falls. Fr. Cahill, who was stationed at one time over St. Andrews' parish here, held the close attention of all as he spoke on the "Illusions of Life." All were pleased to see him and to hear him upon this subject, upon which he gave so much beauty of thought and diction.

BULLET IN HIS ARM;  
CALLS IT ACCIDENT

Walter B. Kelley, Rutland Youth, Was Not Badly Hurt. He Denies That Anyone Was Around.

Rutland, April 25.—Walter B. Kelley, manager of the Rex Mercantile agency, with offices in the Quinn building, was accidentally shot through the left arm last night just before six o'clock, and although the report was circulated that he had attempted suicide he denied this at the Rutland city hospital. He will be able to leave the hospital to-day, the bullet having only pierced the flesh under the arm.

Mr. Kelley was in his room at the Elmore Hotel, where he has lived since last fall, and, according to his story, he was trying to fit into the gun some new bullets which he had purchased a short while ago. One of these he had in the gun and the butt of the rifle, which was of 25-calibre, was resting on the edge of the bureau, when it was suddenly discharged. He fell to the floor and afterwards called for help. He was able to stand and walk to the head of the stairs. Other guests of the hotel rushed to his room and they claimed that Kelley said he had attempted to finish himself, but this he denied.

After the physician arrived the boy was removed to the hospital in an ambulance. The wound was dressed and it was stated that he could leave the hospital to-day. Kelley, who is only 18 years old, had been in business with his brother, having offices in the Mead block and running the Success Agency company. A few months ago they dissolved partnership and the younger of the boys started competition with offices in the Quinn block. There has not been the best of feeling between the brothers and the story was spread last night that the shot was fired while they were in an argument, but Walter was alone when the gun was discharged.

BOYS WITH GUN;  
ONE WAS KILLED

Edward Buckham Victim of Accident at Windsor, Jugular Vein Being Severed by the Shot.

Windsor, April 25.—Two brothers, Ernest Buckham, aged 16, and Edward Buckham, aged 18 years, were cleaning guns at their home in West Windsor Sunday evening, Edward having a rifle and his brother a shotgun. The latter put a cartridge in his gun and laid it down for a few moments. Coming back soon after he took up the shotgun and in so doing it was discharged, the contents striking Edward in the jaw, severing the jugular vein and killing him instantly. The boys lived with their father, Fred A. Buckham, on the S. T. Mover farm near Ascutney mountain, the family having moved there from West Lebanon, N. H., in March. The body was taken to West Lebanon for interment.

HOUSE RANSACKED  
WITH OWNER AWAY

Nothing of Value Was Taken From Mrs. J. M. Foss' Residence in St. Albans So Far as Known.

St. Albans, April 25.—It has been discovered that the residence of Mrs. J. M. Foss on North Main street has been entered and thoroughly ransacked. The indications are that the work was not by professionals, and so far as can be learned nothing of value was taken away. However, the house-breakers made themselves very much at home, as the bureau drawers were hauled out and the contents strewn around, while one of the beds had been occupied.

The persons gained access by breaking a window. On going out, they departed by the kitchen door, which they left unlocked. Mrs. Foss has been spending the winter in Florida and she passed through St. Albans the other day on her way to Montreal to visit her daughter for a few days. It seems that the house-breaking must have been done between last Thursday and Sunday.

MILL BURNED;  
TOTAL LOSS

Brassaw & Lamorder Property at East Middlebury

## IT WILL NOT BE REBUILT

Flames Probably Started in Pile of Sawdust in Which Fire Was Extinguished Twice Yesterday—The Loss was \$300.

Middlebury, April 25.—The steam sawmill of Brassaw & Lamorder at East Middlebury was burned to the ground last night at about midnight, causing a loss of \$3,000, and with no insurance. Six men were employed in the mill, and it was stated this morning that in all probability the mill would not be rebuilt.

The flames were discovered in the mill at midnight by a woman who lives nearby. She gave the alarm, but by the time help came it was too late to save the property, and everything was burned down. It is supposed that the fire started in a pile of sawdust behind the mill. A fire had broken out twice yesterday in this pile, and was extinguished each time, as it was supposed.

## LEAPED FROM WINDOW.

Girl Thus Escaped Fire at Nashua, N. H., Sunday Night.

Nashua, N. H., April 25.—With her hands torn and bleeding from breaking the window glass and sash that stood between her and freedom, Marie Ouellette, aged 19, the daughter of Joseph Ouellette of Old Dunstable road, Sunday night made a flying leap from the only safe exit from a room blinding with smoke to a ladder planted against the building side.

Fire from some unknown cause had broken out in the old Fletcher place at the corner of Spit brook, about two miles from city hall. It was first seen by a neighbor, Joseph Mooney, who resides nearly opposite, and he at once notified the occupants of the burning building.

Mrs. Ouellette immediately remembered that her daughter, Marie, was in an upper apartment, and made a rush to warn her. She passed up and was quickly cut off from escape via the stairs. The two women made demonstrations at the window over the kitchen, and Messrs. Mooney and Lezotte, the latter a neighbor, secured a ladder which they placed against the building. It was then that the younger Ouellette woman made her flying leap. She was attended by Dr. B. J. Moran.

Telephone messages were sent for the chemical and afterwards a bell alarm from box 72 brought the steamers. A line of hose was laid from the Littlefield Machine works to the scene, a distance of over 2,000 feet. The barn was saved, including its contents and the cattle. The loss to the owners of the building, one of the finest types of old-fashioned residences in the section, was about \$2,000.

## TWO BURNED TO DEATH.

Boys Lose Their Lives in Rowley, Mass., Woods.

Topsfield, Mass., April 25.—Trapped in the center of a forest fire in Rowley, near here, Frank Simmons, Jr., aged 15, of Rowley, and Albert Morgan of Beverly, were burned to death yesterday. Their bodies were recovered later, burned beyond recognition.

Two others, Frank Simmons, father of the dead boys, and William Simmons, 17, a brother, were also trapped by the fire, but broke through and escaped, although both were so seriously burned that they may not recover.

A brush fire started by George Frame, a farmer living on the outskirts of the town near the Topsfield line, got beyond his control and before the blaze was finally controlled, more than 100 acres, much of it valuable timber land, were burned over.

Frame's nearest neighbor, Simmons, with his two sons, and Morgan, helped fight the fire and seemed to be getting the better of it until unnoticed by them, the blaze surrounded all but Frame. The elder Simmons and his son, Will, dashed through the flames, but Frank and Morgan were overcome.

## CAUGHT FROM BURNING LEAVES.

Man Badly Injured by Falling from Roof During Fire in Jericho.

Jericho, April 25.—Fire started by the burning of leaves on the lawn, damaged the house of E. B. Williams to the extent of \$1,000 yesterday. When first discovered the fire had run through the grass and under the piazza and was working in the partitions of the house. In the house was Mrs. Williams' aged mother, Mrs. Elsie Rawson, who was just able to sit up after serious illness, and has also been an invalid since the breaking of one hip several years ago. She was taken out and most of the goods in the house were removed to the Baptist church, across the road. The fire was subdued before the building was destroyed, although the rear of the house was badly charred and some of the goods were much damaged by smoke.

John P. Carroll was badly injured by falling from the roof during the fire.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

T. Evans of Waterbury was in the city on business to-day.

Arrivals at the City hotel yesterday and to-day were registered as follows: R. R. Ballinger, Columbus, O.; E. G. Wells, Lyndonville; W. G. Chariand, Portland, Me.; H. E. Feiman, Rochester, N. H.; A. M. Mulklin, Canaan, N. H.; G. McGee, New York City; A. S. Adler, New York City; J. Robbins, J. E. Brown, E. F. Whitehead, Boston; W. T. Fuller, Woodville, N. H.; William Moran, R. G. Gammon, Boston.

## VERMONT LABOR NOTES.

Interesting Items Furnished by Secretary Ironside of State A. F. of L.

Alexander Ironside, secretary of the Vermont state branch of the American Federation of Labor, furnishes the following concerning Vermont labor, which is of interest.

A mass meeting of unorganized labor was held Sunday, April 23, in the carpenters' hall, Burlington, under the joint auspices of the Central Labor union and the Vermont state branch. The meeting was addressed by ex-Mayor Burke and Alexander Ironside, secretary of the state federation. After an interesting discussion of the meeting, measures were adopted for the formation of a new federal labor union. The organization is composed of skilled and unskilled labor, who have no locals in the vicinity. Another meeting will be held at an early date, when it is expected there will be large accessions to the new union.

The retail clerks of Burlington are also active in the formation of a local, and it is expected that in the coming of organizer Elliott of New England a strong local will be formed in that city. The granite cutters of Burlington have voted to affiliate with the state federation and other trades have the same matter under consideration.

In the visit of organizer Elliott to Vermont, measures are being taken by the state federation to secure the formation of retail clerks' union in Montpelier and Waterbury. Organizers are expected in the near future from machinists, plumbers, and laundry workers.

The International Brotherhood of Papermakers are now producing a strictly union-made paper, suitable for all office work, which bears the water mark of the international union. All secretaries of industrial and fraternal organizations will be doing this deserving brotherhood a favor by demanding from their printers, paper and envelopes bearing the hall mark of fair and sanitary conditions of labor. Demand the label.

District Organizer Potts of the carpenters has been doing splendid work throughout the state and reports large gains in the ranks. He is to spend considerable among the wood workers of Burlington who, through lack of organization, are at present in a deplorable condition as to wages and hours of labor. International President Herrick of the painters and decorators' union will be in Vermont next week and it is expected he will be in Barre on an early date.

Reports from labor sources all over Vermont show increased effort and interest in industrial development from the wage earners' viewpoint, this even in the face of great discouragement and intimidation. Congratulations. Onward and ever upward.

The Sunday meetings, dealing with the improvement of the general labor movement, innovated by the trades union movement in Burlington, is a step in the right direction and will undoubtedly lead to a higher sense of moral obligation due by one trades unionist to another. The meetings are for the open forum plan, where all are given fair and equal opportunity to air their grievances and opinions and, through this channel, much of the petty spleen engendered is being gradually effaced and a true understanding of the relative needs of "each for all" and "all for each" brought to the front. The idea should be generally copied by every Central Labor union in the state.

## LAWRENCE-STICKNEY.

Prominent Rutland Lawyer Married to Well Known Sculptress.

Rutland, April 25.—At noon to-day, at the home of her parents, Attorney and Mrs. William B. Stickney, in this village, their only daughter, Miss Mary Stickney, a well known sculptress, and Robert Ashton Lawrence, a member of the firm of Lawrence, Lawrence & Stafford, of Rutland, were united in matrimony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and both she and the groom were unattended. Noticeable among those present were the grandfather and great aunt of the bride, Hon. A. P. Hudson, and Mrs. Mary Hunter Parker. Mr. Hunter being 95 years of age and for over 70 years a practicing attorney before Vermont courts.

Palms, box trees and flowers were tastefully arranged to bring out the beauty and simplicity of the old house, which was built by the bride's great grandfather, and his generations. The bride was given in white satin and Venetian lace and wore a white tulle veil fastened with orange blossoms. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served, the dining room being decorated with pink carnations and similar.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence will make their home in Rutland.

## FREIGHT AGENTS CHANGE.

D. T. Lawrence of Boston Succeeds C. E. Dewey, Promoted.

St. Albans, April 25.—Charles E. Dewey of this city, for the past three years general freight agent of the Central Vermont railway, has been promoted to be general freight agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific, with offices at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

D. T. Lawrence of Boston, manager of the National Despatch line, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Dewey. The changes will become effective May 1.

## FUNERAL OF CHARLES ROBINSON.

His Daughter Arrived from Montana Sunday Night.

Waterbury, April 25.—The funeral of Charles Robinson was held at his late home, at the Central yesterday afternoon, his daughter, Mrs. Bert Moody, having arrived from Montana Sunday night. Rev. W. H. Jackson was the officiating clergyman and burial was in the Central cemetery. The bearers were Arthur Lyon, Jesse Pike, Mr. Norcross and Mr. Guild.

A GAIN MADE  
BY VT. N. E. O. P.

Three New Lodges Instituted During Past Year

## NET GAIN OF 214 MEMBERS

There Were 28 Deaths Upon Which Insurance of \$39,500 Was Paid, According to Official Reports To-day.

Burlington, April 25.—The twenty-second annual session of the Vermont grand lodge, New England Order of Protection, opened to-day with Vermont lodge of this city, the attendance being seventy-five. Grand Warden Henry R. Hill of Burlington presided. Officers will be elected this afternoon. It was reported that three new lodges were formed during the year, at Barre (second lodge), St. Johnsbury and Richmond. There is a total of thirty lodges in the state with a membership of 3,008, a net gain of 214 in the year. There were twenty-eight deaths, upon which insurance of \$39,500 was paid.

A reception was held last night at the Masonic Temple hall in honor of the visiting delegates.

An address of welcome was delivered by the Rev. Charles J. Staples, who extended a hearty greeting to the visitors, not forgetting a word of praise for Burlington. Grand Warden Hill spoke briefly, and introduced Hon. William H. Scott, city judge of Barre, who responded on behalf of the visitors. He was followed by F. A. Rice of Boston, supreme warden of the order, who was at his best in discussing the aims and work of the fraternity. His interesting and instructive address closed with a word of counsel to the Vermont brothers and sisters.

Between the speeches there were a number of musical selections, splendidly rendered by the Norma quintette, which also furnished music for the dancing. Shortly after nine o'clock the grand march was led by Mr. Rice and Mrs. Hill, a large number of couples taking part. This was followed by a quadrille, and the dancing continued until midnight.

About 115 were present at the reception and dance. Some 90 delegates from the 30 lodges are expected, and about 75 of them were in attendance last evening. Besides Mr. Rice, there are a number of distinguished visitors from outside the state. These include Daniel F. Sherwood of Providence, R. I., supreme vice warden; Daniel F. Frye of Somerville, Mass., supreme secretary; John P. Seaborn of Newport, R. I., supreme treasurer; Frederick T. Peabody of Melrose, Mass., past supreme warden; P. Edward Whalen of New Haven, grand warden of Connecticut, and William H. Bowe of Winchester, Mass.

POWELL GIVEN \$500  
AGAINST WOODBURY'S

Verdict To-day in Burlington's Famous "Hotel War" Case. Woodburys Will Take Case Higher.

Burlington, April 25.—A verdict was returned in Chittenden county court this morning for the plaintiff to recover \$500 and costs in the celebrated hotel case of M. L. Powell vs. the Woodburys, the owners of the Van Ness. The case will be taken higher.

The case was given to the jury last night. Judge Butler, in delivering his charge, said: The suit did not involve the commendable purpose of the plaintiff in keeping faith with the people of Burlington as to a new hotel, nor of the defendants to build a hotel on the site of the Hotel Burlington, nor the fact, if it were a fact, that another hotel would bring competition to the defendants. The action is one to recover damages for alleged malicious prosecution; whether these defendants in bringing their chancery suit against plaintiff acted in good faith and without malice or otherwise. In order to entitle the plaintiff to recover he must show that the defendants brought that suit without probable cause and also that they acted with malice towards him—with a wilful intent to do him injury. Defendants had a right to bring a lawful suit; the courts were the places for men to adjust their disagreements, if they could not amicably adjust them. No suit can be said to be "malicious" that a person has a legal right to bring.

If the plaintiff is entitled to recover the measure of damages is the difference between the fair market value of the property at the time the injunction was served and when the suit was withdrawn. In addition, if the plaintiff is entitled to recover, and the conduct of the defendants was in wanton disregard of plaintiff's rights the jury in its discretion may add "punitive" or "exemplary" damages.

## AGED DUXBURY WOMAN.

Mrs. Betsey Culligan Died Yesterday After Five Days' Illness.

Waterbury, April 25.—Mrs. Betsey Culligan died yesterday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John O'Neil, of the Scramble Hill neighborhood in Duxbury, after five days' illness with bronchial pneumonia. She was the widow of Peter Culligan and was born in Ireland on August 2, 1828, the daughter of James and Mary Redmond. The deceased leaves two children, John Culligan of Richmond and Mrs. O'Neil of Duxbury; also eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The body will be taken to Richmond to-morrow for funeral and interment.

## New Sultan Proclaimed.

Tangier, Morocco, April 25.—Advices from Morocco announce that Mulai El Zin, brother of Sultan Mulai Hafid has been proclaimed sultan by rebel seamounts, who, after capturing the place, pillaged it and killed several Jews.

EIGHT LICENSES  
ARE AWARDED

Meigs and McLean & Rizzi A. the Successful Ones in Montpelier State Library

In Spite of Chairman Boutwell.

The Montpelier license commissioners have announced the successful applicants for liquor licenses in Montpelier as follows: Pavilion hotel, State street, first class. Montpelier house, State street, first class. Miller's inn, Main street, first class. E. J. Blanchard, 87 Barre street, first class.

E. S. Meigs, 102 Barre street, first class. McLean & Rizzi, 99 Barre street, second class. Antoine Galsais, Franklin street, second class. E. M. Buck, Berlin street, second class. In addition, the commissioners granted a fifth class, or drugstore, license to L. C. Rivers at his store on State street.

The award was followed by a great deal of rumbling and grumbling, some of the nearly forty other applicants being outspoken in their denunciation, while some took the result philosophically. The announcement was made at 11 o'clock last night after a three hours' session of the commissioners, at which the unsuccessful applicants were given leave to withdraw their applications. At the close, Chairman J. M. Boutwell was not disposed to talk about the matter, although the licenses of Meigs and McLean & Rizzi had been granted contrary to his expressed wish. City Attorney B. E. Bailey attended the star chamber meeting, and a big crowd stormed the door.

At least one of the disappointed applicants "spoke his piece" to the board. That was J. F. Dobbs, and he spoke it so loud that the people on the outside heard without ear trumpets. Dobbs was in the room about half an hour, and when he came out he replied to questions that there was "nothing doing," but he had had his say, which was no secret to the waiting crowd. In fact, the "soft pedal" wasn't working while Dobbs was there, and also at other intervals.

The licenses will go into effect on May 1.

## NO LICENSE AWARDS.

Because St. Albans Commissioners Cannot Agree Yet.

St. Albans, April 25.—The board of license commissioners, George C. Story, Orrin N. Pease and N. E. Leuey, held a public hearing in the city court room yesterday afternoon to give anyone a chance to make objection to the applicants or proposed location of licenses. The only one to enter any objection was Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan, who made the same protest that he did a year ago, against the granting of first class licenses on Federal street near the depot, and also to the district between Cedar and Water streets. Following this brief meeting the board went into executive session to consider the granting of the six licenses for which 14 applications have been made. The board was unable to reach any decisions yesterday and adjourned to meet again this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## SWANTON LICENSEES.

Two Hotels and Two Individuals Were Granted Licenses.

Swanton, April 25.—F. J. Harvey, E. J. Donaldson and S. W. Bliss, license commissioners, yesterday afternoon announced the granting of the following licenses: First class, A. K. Stinchcomb, Grand Avenue hotel; Supreme Rabistown, West Side inn. Second class, A. J. Bell and J. L. Noley. This is the same number as last year, two for hotels and two for second class. The Adams house, which had a license last year, applied again through W. B. Powell, but was refused and one granted to the West Side inn instead. Applications for second class licenses, made by Fred Donaldson and J. R. Morrill, were not granted.

## GOOD TIME PLANNED.

When Editor George H. Sheehan Comes To-morrow Evening.

George H. Sheehan, editor of The Hibernian and recently appointed organizer for the A. O. H., who spoke before a large audience in Greenville last night as the guest of Division 3, will be the guest at a big reception in the K. of C. hall in this city to-morrow evening. After Mr. Sheehan's address there will be a dance. All persons of Irish birth or descent are cordially invited to attend.

At the meeting in Granville last night, Mr. Sheehan gave a fine address on "Progress of the Irish Race in America," and the first, second, and third degrees were conferred on a class of 11 candidates. Others present beside Mr. Sheehan were State Vice President D. S. McGovern of Montpelier; County President D. J. Sullivan of Barre; County Secretary Patrick McNulty of Barre, and several others. After the meeting, James Bennett and others rendered a number of vocal selections. The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic ever held in Granville.

## FORMERLY OF MONTPELIER.

Mrs. Harriet A. Learned Died in Gardner, Mass., Yesterday.

Gardner, Mass., April 25.—Mrs. Harriet A. Learned, aged 71, widow of Walter N. Learned, died yesterday morning at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lucy P. Lovejoy, School street. Her death was due to heart failure. After the death of her husband, in Montpelier, Vt., 12 years ago, Mrs. Learned came to Gardner to make her home. She was a member of the Gardner Unitarian church and was one of the active workers in the Branch alliance.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

The demand for tickets for the Canadian club banquet, to be held on next Thursday evening, has been so great that the committee has found it necessary to place on sale one hundred extra tickets at the offices of E. L. Smith & Co. and M. M. Gordon, in order to accommodate those who wish to attend the banquet.

COURT HEARS  
TROUBLES

Divorce Cases Are Now Being Taken Up

## AND FIVE DIVORCES GIVEN

One Divorce Was Not Granted on the Ground That Neither of Charges Alleged Had Been Proven.

Washington county court is taking up divorce cases in the closing days of the session. To-day the case of Bessie S. Stedman vs. Frank Stedman was heard, and a bill was granted on the ground of refusal to support, the woman being allowed to resume her maiden name of Bessie Allen.

Four divorces were granted yesterday as follows: Alice M. Brown from William J. Brown, intolerable severity and refusal to support; custody of minor child given to Mrs. Brown, who testified that some time ago her husband struck her in one eye, since which time that eye has been sightless. Julia Larabee was granted a divorce from Edward V. Larabee on the ground of wilful desertion and refusal to support; custody of minor child granted to petitioner. Other divorces granted were James P. Holt from William Bell West Holt, wilful desertion; Lyola LeBree from Joseph A. LeBree, intolerable severity. As neither of the charges, refusal to support or intolerable severity, brought in the divorce case of Florence biatti against Frank Abiatti, could be proved, the case was dismissed.

A petition in the habeas corpus proceedings brought by William Edson to have his 14 years old daughter, Liola, released from the county jail was heard yesterday. The girl, since the filing of the petition, has been in the custody of her father, having been released from the jail after ten weeks. The girl was sentenced to the industrial school at Vergennes in February, for the larceny of a watch in Warren, but could not be committed to the school at that time on account of a quarantine on the place and she was placed in the county jail for safe keeping. The petition alleges the girl was confined in the woman's ward with adults and that she was kept in the same ward with Mary Dunlop, Mary Monahan and Gladys Brothers, which is against the law.

## MRS. HELEN CORDELIA WOOD.

Native of Barre, She Died Last Night in House Where She Was Born.

The death of Mrs. Helen Cordelia Wood occurred at the home of her sister, Mrs. Calista E. Bolster, 283 North Main street, at 11:30 o'clock last night. Although she had been in poor health for over two weeks, a severe accident, sustained April 13, was a contributing cause of death and doubtless hastened the end. In the accident, Mrs. Wood received a bad fracture of the right leg near the hip as a result of a fall. Prior to this she had been afflicted with the grippe and the unfortunate occurrence found her too weak to withstand the shock. She grew rapidly worse as the days passed, until the end came peacefully last night.

Mrs. Wood was born in Barre November 13, 1828, in the house where she died. In this same house the greater part of her life was passed. She was married in May, 1849, to Elijah B. Wood of this city, whose death occurred in 1900. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Wood traveled extensively from time to time. During these years they made their home on one of their farms located on west hill. One daughter, Clara Helen, was born to them September 22, 1851. She died April 25, 1870.

After the death of Mr. Wood in 1900, Mrs. Wood came to live with her sister, Mrs. Bolster, on North Main street. She was a woman of considerable means. It is a curious coincidence in connection with her death to note that the end came on the eve of the anniversary of the death of both her father and daughter. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Calista E. Bolster and Mrs. Fidelia B. Smith. Both reside in Barre.